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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No.	15009-US
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Title	LIGHTPATH SEGMENT PROTECTION FOR WDM NETWORKS
Express Mail Label No.	

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

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2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

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